



VASANTH BHARATH--CITIZENS ASSEMBLY
2019 and BEYOND.--THE WAY FORWARD
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Knowledge, information and data are all fundamentally different, but linked, concepts.

Dear Vasanth, first let me congratulate you again for this brilliant initiative, The CITIZENS ASSEMBLY OUTREACH, which attempts to get the views and hear the concerns of our Trinidad and Tobago Citizens, towards the achievement of a NATION BUILDING SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMME (NBSDP), eventually creating a **POLITICAL ENTITY**, for the most efficient Democratic Progress in our twin Island State.

My experience over the years, some of which is archived at <https://www.archive.org/details/@mavawsec>, a total of 102 uploads to date, allows me to propose with confidence, that you introduce into the CITIZENS ASSEMBLY OUTREACH, a DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM, into specific AREAS or BOXES, for further analysis into KNOWLEDGE and DECISION MAKING, giving TRUE VALUE to your beautiful attempt to get the BEST PRACTICE DEMOGRAPHIC MODEL, for us.

Our CITIZEN'S SOCIAL PROGRESS IS FASHIONED from under/within a number of State Institutions, Programmes and Practices firstly, then CIVIL SOCIETY INPUTS, to which we utilize all our RESOURCES, Physical, Human, Financial, Academic, Experiential and Spiritual to get the job done.

The top of the LIST in State Bodies, is our 1972 Republican Constitution. After that are the Constitutions of the various Political Parties, Civil Society Organisations, including Business, the Media and Religion?

Let us assume that our Citizens, attending the ASSEMBLIES have been affected, seen and heard about inefficiencies in any or all of these BOXES we function within and can offer ideas, knowledge, data, information etc. to change such inefficiencies, both in State Institutions and Civil Society.

This CITIZENS ASSEMBLY OUTREACH, is one perfect MECHANISM/METHODOLOGY, to COLLECT such Data, Information and guide towards what is the BEST POLITICAL ENTITY to use thereafter.

For Example, I have CONCERNS with the National Insurance Board (NIB), the Election and Boundaries Commission (EBC), the Republican Constitution, the United Nation Congress (UNC) and the Peoples Nation Movement (PNM) Constitutions, Water and Sewage Authority (WASA), Ministry of Education (MOE), the Police Service (TPPS), the Magistrates and High Court, the National Crime Prevention Programme (NCPP), the Draft National Child Policy, to name a few.

Information Management (IM) and Knowledge Management (KM) is the BEST PATH to follow in this fantastic initiative of a CITIZENS ASSEMBLY, in my humble view. Email: donaldberment@gmail.com.

Much thanks for your efforts to date and keep up your good work brother. God Bless. Cell 383-6184.